

# TRINITY TRIANGLE

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LATROBE, PA
GROWING IN FAITH ◆ REACHING OUT IN LOVE ◆ MAKING DISCIPLES

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**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022** 

#### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

#### Dear Friends of Mine:

It has been sixty-six years since Trinity entered the complicated process of calling a "Senior Pastor." When the Rev. John Reiner ended his twenty-five year tenure as Senior Pastor in 1980, the congregation called their then Associate Pastor Donald McCoid to lead Trinity. Seven years later in 1987, the Southwest Pennsylvania Synod of the newly formed ELCA called Trinity's Senior Pastor to serve as our synod's first Bishop.

Again, Trinity did not have to look far for able leadership. Associate Pastor Fred Opalinski was called as Senior Pastor. Sixteen years later, in 2003, the baton was handed to then Associate Pastor Jeffrey Schock, who served as Senior Pastor until his retirement in the summer of 2020.

This kind of ongoing succession from associate to senior pastor almost never happens in congregations. When it does, congregations do not immediately enter the call process. This September Pr. Peter Asplin, Bishop Kusserow's assistant charged with management of the synod's call process, met with our Congregation Council to introduce us to the church-wide process. He explained that:

- + Time is needed for mourning the loss of a faithful servant leader who was present among us for thirty-two years!
- + Time is needed for lay leaders to take on unfamiliar new responsibilities.
- + Time is needed to consider other losses, such as the pandemic which kept many away from in-person worship, cancelled numerous dinners and social activities, and has handicapped interpersonal relationships.
- + Time is needed to enact changes that are recommended by the interim pastors who are appointed by the Bishop.

Finally, the time has come for our Council to elect seven Call Committee members from a slate provided by the Nominating Committee. This will happen at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council. The Council will form a committee from members who synod expects are "wise, prayerful, confidential, trusted, and able to make decision on what's best for the congregation."

Additionally, synod recommends where possible they be "diverse in terms of age, gender, race/ethnicity, length of membership at Trinity and who have participated in various ministries of the congregation."

Hopefully, by early March, the Call Committee will have gathered together, chosen a chairperson, and met with Pastor Asplin who will introduce them to the particulars of the call process and instructed them on their first responsibility - which is to develop the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document is a 12-page "resume" for Trinity that will eventually be approved by Council. The MSP will:

- + Tell the story of who we are, what we value, and where we believe God is leading us.
- + Define what is the mission and vision of our congregation;
- + Provide annual reports, financial assessments, and position descriptions for clergy and lay staff;
- + And will finally be submitted on-line and made available to experienced pastors throughout the ELCA.

Then begins the highly confidential process of interviewing candidates – but more on that as the process unfolds. In the meantime then, please join me in fervent prayer as we formally begin the process:

**Gracious and Loving God,** accompany and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our Council leaders with your wisdom and create in us a new spirit of oneness. While we work to form a Call Committee, keep us mindful of the work you would have us do during this interim. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor begins. We pray in the name of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Jim West



#### MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office) In January & February we will be collecting toilet paper (4 pack or less) for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

**HOSPITALIZED?** Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is hospitalized, so that pastoral care may be provided.



#### **DEATHS**

+Edward Deglau +Patricia Howell

12/06/2021 12/28/2021



#### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you! world hunger ELCA WORLD HUNGER OFFERINGS YTD: \$10.540.75

ELCA DISASTER RELIEF—US TORNADOES YTD: \$1,140.00

#### Upcoming Opportunities



Calling all middle school through college kids. Join us for A GAME OF POOL OR DARTS on FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH from 6:00PM - 9:00PM at KINGSMAN BILLIARDS in Westmoreland Mall. Bring a friend or 2 or 3 and hang out. We will

provide pizza, snacks and drinks. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by January 4th.



Join us for a **PRESENTATION ON ANGELS FROM** A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE by Deacon Michelle Kunkle on Thursday, January 13<sup>TH</sup> from 6:00рм—8:00рм in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided! Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.



A **WINTER HIKE** (weather permitting) around KEYSTONE PARK LAKE on SATURDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00AM, a two mile loop with an optional extension around the Hillside Campground for an additional mile.

Paved and smooth gravel surfaces. Mostly flat.

Keystone Park is a great place for wildlife viewing, varying with the seasons. Deer, squirrels (grey and red), beaver, muskrat, raccoon, and rabbit; many large birds including osprey, bald eagle, blue heron, and red-tailed hawks; mallard, wood, bufflehead, scaup, and merganser ducks; cormorants; pileated, downy, and red bellied woodpeckers; flickers, Baltimore orioles, bluebirds, swallows, jays, cardinals, waxwings, nuthatches, etc. Mid-winter wildlife will be somewhat limited, but returning in different seasons will show how many different animals can been seen within a few miles of Latrobe.

We will meet at the beach area parking lot on Keystone Park Road. From Latrobe drive north on Rt. 981 toward New Alexandria. 0.9 miles past the Elks turn right onto Strawcutter Road. Proceed 1.4 miles to the 4-way stop. Turn left onto Keystone Park Road. Proceed approximately one mile, crossing the causeway over the lake, and turn left into the parking lot.



We will be offering a **FUNERAL PLANNING** SEMINAR on TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH from 6:00рм—8:00рм in Fellowship Hall. This seminar will be lead by Lopatich-Brinker Funeral

Home. It is never too early to plan! All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.



We will have an ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH from **6:00рм – 8:00рм** in Fellowship Hall. Do you have questions about managing your personal and professional affairs for

the good of yourself and your family? We will be having a guest attorney to answer your questions. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CENTERING PRAYER?

Wondering what it is? You have heard of meditation... well centering prayer is a Christian prayer similar to meditation in which one centers themselves, in silence and prayer, entirely in the presence of God. Experiencing God's presence within us. As we discuss mental health and the benefits of self-care, we are learning more about the importance of practices such as this. Look for more information in the future editions of Trinity News and the Trinity Triangle as we work towards planning some classes around this concept.

> IS YOUR CHILD READY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION? We will have a FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the Sanctuary. If

you are interested in having your child attend this class please contact the church office by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Children will be required to attend the Maundy Thursday service of Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES:**

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday, April 14th Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday, April 17th

**Palm Sunday** Holy Wednesday **Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday** 

Sign up for events on the bulletin board across from the church office or call the church office at 724-537-4450 or e-mail office@trinitylatrobe.com for further details.

#### CLUB FRED IS BACK!!!!



We are delighted to announce that Club FRED will resume tentatively on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have missed the students and their families during the pandemic. Club FRED has made an effort to maintain a relationship with the families through the weekly mailing of grocery gift cards

or the weekly delivery of home cooked meals. We are ready to get back to business and we have some needs:

- teachers/helpers
   (clearances are needed)
- cooking crews
   (hopefully 4 different crews to cook once a month)
- donations of small water bottles and individually packaged snacks
- dinner companions
   (to sit and eat with students during dinner)
- financial support

If you are interested in becoming part of the Club FRED team, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301.





CHILDREN'S INSTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING** Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021



#### USHERS, LECTORS, ACOLYTES

There remain openings and opportunities now to serve in these ways. If you have served in the past and desire to continue, or would like to serve in the future, please call the church office. We have moved to a two week rotation schedule to decrease commitment time. When the time is right, we will schedule Liturgical Deacons, Gift Presenters, and Communion Guild. CALL NOW to express your interest and willingness to serve in any of these areas.

#### PIANO PLAYER NEEDED

We will be going to Loyalhanna Care Center on Monday, January 17 at 2:30pm for a short worship service and fellowship. The residents enjoy it and we would love to include a piano player to enhance the service. If you can play piano and have an hour to spare to bring joy to the residents, please contact Christine Weller or the church office at 724-537-4450.



Trinity is still collecting and recycling empty ink cartridges, old cell phones and tablets. Your donations benefit World Hunger and the environment. Drop them off at church or call the church office at 724-537-4450. Thank you!





DO YOU DRINK A LOT OF CANNED BEVERAGES? SAVE YOUR TABS AND CANS AND BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH!
The tabs are collected in the church

office and taken to the Ronald McDonald Foundation. The cans are collected in a pickle barrel behind the church near the

dumpster and then taken to Stanko's Products to be recycled to benefit Trinity's youth ministry.

#### THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### **Completing Their Terms:**

- ◆ Three Year Term: Zach Arbore, Meri Beth Elder, Kennette Grohal, Karen Mowry
- ◆ Unexpired Term: Kathe Houck

Thank you for your leadership, commitment of time, and for the ways you will continue to serve our Lord, so that we will continue to be a 'growing community of disciples'.

#### Newly Elected:

- Three Year Term: Kathy Ferlin, Lucinda Nicely, Matthew Clever, Nicholas Gebhart
- Unexpired Term (Two Year): Linda Reed

We pray that the Holy Spirit will encourage them and grant them wisdom in their leadership among us. Thank you to all who agreed to be nominated. May we all be open to where the Spirit is leading us to serve in this new year.

#### 2022 Elected Officers of the Congregation:

President: Kathy Ferlin

Vice President: Lucinda Nicely Secretary: Dana Shannon Interim Treasurer: David Gebhart

Thank you to the Council Members (not listed above) still serving their terms: Amanda Cole, Herb Harris, Donna Jeffrey, Mark Jones, Jodi Kronenwetter, Michael Macey.

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Thank you to all those who helped with decorating for Christmas this year.

#### **COME PLAY PICKLEBALL!**

We are excited to announce that Trinity Lutheran Church is providing a space in the Weis Room for the indoor pickleball enthusiasts. The court is ready for play and you must reserve your time slot by calling Darlene at 724-610-4075.

Reservations can be made in 1 hour sessions between...

Monday & Tuesday 8:00am to 8:00pm
Thursday 8:00am to 2:00pm
Friday 8:00am to 2:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday & Sunday Closed



Free to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.









9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Holy Communion

2:00 Grief Group

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES** (Holy Communion)

<u>Thursdays</u>—6:30pm; <u>Saturdays</u>—5:30pm; <u>Sundays</u>—8:15 & 10:45am <u>Sunday Broadcast</u>, Westmoreland Gold 98.7FM, 910AM—8:15am

Sunday Livestream, www.facebook.com/trinitylatrobe/live—8:15am Sunday Church School—9:30am

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
						No Saturday Night Worship
2 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	3 Office Closed No Head Start	4 No Head Start 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team	5 8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting	6 <b>Epiphany</b> 8:30 Head Start 2:00 Purls of Prayer	7 8:30 Head Start	8
		6:00 Finance 6:30 Stewardship	6:00 GRG 7:15 Choir	6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	6:00 BPW	5:30 Holy Communion
9 Baptism of Our Lord 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Drive-Thru Communion	10 8:30 Head Start 2:00 Grief Group 3:15 Evangelism	11 8:30 Head Start 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team	12 8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting 5:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Grief Group 7:15 Choir	13 8:30 Head Start  2:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00 Angels & Demons Presentation 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	14 8:30 Head Start	15 10:00 Keystone Trail Hike 5:30 Holy Communion
16 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	17 No Head Start 2:00 Grief Group	18 8:30 Head Start 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Council	19 8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Grief Group 7:15 Choir	20 8:30 Head Start 2:00 Purls of Prayer 3:00 Club FRED 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	21 No Head Start	5:30 Holy Communion
23 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Drive-Thru Communion	24 8:30 Head Start No Grief Group 6:00 CE/CYFM	25 8:30 Head Start 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 6:00 Funeral Planning 7:00 Property	26 8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting 7:15 Choir	27 8:30 Head Start 2:00 Purls of Prayer 3:00 Club FRED 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	28 8:30 Head Start	5:30 Holy Communion
30 8:15 Holy Communion	31 8:30 Head Start		Driv	DRIVE-THRU C		d 4 <sup>th</sup>

Drive-thru communion will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month from 12:15pm—1:00pm

The schedule through February will be: January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Please continue to enter the carport drive from the alley and exit onto Weldon Street. Masks are required.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY 2022

Church Service	Ushers	Lectors	Monthly Volunteers		
January 1, 2			Tellers (* Head Teller)		
5:30pm	No Worship or	n Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:15 *David Colaianne Jim Harris Gary Sheppard		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Mark Jones Melinda Turney	David Gebhart	Nick Gebhart  10:45 *Jane Lawson  Marcia Salandro  Kathy Sowatskey  Tim Potter		
10:45am	David Haines Tim Potter	Jane Lawson	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *David Colaianne Jim Harris		
January 8, 9			Gary Sheppard Nick Gebhart		
5:30pm	Jay Elder John Elder	Donna Showalter	10:45 *Jane Lawson Marcia Salandro Kathy Sowatskey Tim Potter		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Mark Jones Melinda Turney	David Gebhart	January 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *Mary Ann Coulston		
10:45am	David Haines Tim Potter	Jane Lawson	Donna Krall Phyllis O'Hara Dana Shannon — 10:45 *David Colaianne		
January 15, 16			Tim Potter		
5:30pm	Jay Elder John Elder	Donna Showalter	Terry Rolla Lori Rolla		
8:15am	Kennette Grohal Lucas Grohal Alex Grohal	Grace Patterson	January 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8:15 *Mary Ann Coulston Donna Krall Phyllis O'Hara		
10:45am	Becky Tomlinson Donna Jeffrey	Christina Andrae	Dana Shannon  10:45 *David Colaianne Tim Potter		
January 22, 23			Terry Rolla Lori Rolla		
5:30pm	Dana Shannon Kaden Shannon	Margaret Conrad	January 30 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *Sandy Kisick Candace Bungard		
8:15am	Kennette Grohal Lucas Grohal Alex Grohal	Grace Patterson	Lucinda nicely Tiffany Varadi 10:45 *Linda McDowell Christina Andrae		
10:45am	Becky Tomlinson Donna Jeffrey	Christina Andrae	Mike Macey Darlene Schultz		
January 29, 30	* *				
5:30pm	Dana Shannon Kaden Shannon	Margaret Conrad	* ***		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Herb Harris	To Be Announced			
10:45am	Vivian Puskar Bill Stein	To Be Announced			



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MARCH 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL 10 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup> Ash Wednesday Palm Sunday Holy Wednesday Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday		11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team	12:00 AA Meeting	2:00 Purls of Prayer 3:00 Club FRED		
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8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School	7 8:30 Head Start	8 8:30 Head Start 10:00 Shepherd Shop	9 8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day	10 8:30 Head Start	11 8:30 Head Start	12
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February 5, 6	Tellers (* Head Teller)				
5:30pm	Linda McDowell Donna Showalter	Linda McDowell	February 6 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *Sandy Kisick Candace Bungard Lucinda Nicely		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Herb Harris	Linda Werner	Tiffany Varadi 10:45 *Linda McDowell Christina Andrae Mike Macey Darlene Schultz		
10:45am	Vivian Puskar Bill Stein	Kelly Clever	February 13 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *Herb Harris Jay Elder		
February 12, 13			Kathy Jones Jason Sheppard		
5:30pm	Linda McDowell Donna Showalter	Linda McDowell	10:45 *Eleanor Fagan David Colaianne Susan Vargo Karen Mowry		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Ron Gess	Linda Werner	February 20 <sup>th</sup> 8:15 *Herb Harris		
10:45am	Becky Tomlinson Donna Jeffrey	Kelly Clever	Jay Elder Kathy Jones Jason Sheppard 10:45 *Eleanor Fagan		
February 19, 20			David Colaianne		
5:30pm	Kasha Loveridge Don Loveridge	Rick Conrad	Susan Vargo Karen Mowry  February 27 <sup>th</sup>		
8:15am	Sandy Kisick Ron Gess	Mary Ann Coulston	8:15 *David Colaianne Jim Harris Gary Sheppard		
10:45am	Michael Macey Matt Macey	Jill Macey	Nick Gebhart  10:45 *Jane Lawson  Marcia Salandro		
February 26, 27	Kathy Sowatskey Tim Potter				
5:30pm	Kasha Loveridge Don Loveridge	Rick Conrad			
8:15am	Kathy Jones Mark Jones	Mary Ann Coulston			
10:45am	Michael Macey Matt Macey	Jill Macey			

